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**U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**To: In re the Application of
Richard A. BENTLEY

Application No.: 09/977,303

Filed: October 16, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
GENERATING A USER INTEREST
PROFILE**INFORMAL COMMUNICATION
NOT FOR FILING**

Group Art Unit: 2143

Docket No.: 110878

Examiner: J. Jean Gilles

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From: Jesse Collier

Prepared By: _____ Number of Pages Sent (Including this sheet): 3

Applicant Initiated Interview Request FormStatus of Application: Non-Final**Tentative Participants:**(1) Jesse Collier(2) Examiner Jean Gilles

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Proposed Date of Interview: 3/8Proposed Time: 10:30 **(AM)** ☐ **(PM)** ☐**Type of Interview Requested:**(1) ☐ Telephonic(2) ☒ Personal(3) ☐ Video ConferenceExhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

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Issues To Be Discussed					
Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) §102(b)	1-3, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 19, and 20	Hertz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) §103(a)	4, 7, 9, 10, 13, 16, and 18	Hertz and Gershman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

☐ Continuation Sheet Attached

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

(1) and (2): Neither Hertz nor Gershman disclose, teach, or suggest the features of proposed claims 1 and 12 (see attached).

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____

NOTE:

This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature) (Examiner/SPE Signature)

Proposed Claims
Re: U.S. Patent Application 09/977,303
Inventor: Richard BENTLEY
Our Ref.: 110878

1. A method for generating or extending a user interest profile, comprising:
monitoring electronic messages directed to the user;
selecting those electronic messages satisfying at least one predetermined condition indicating that they are likely to include information relevant to the user's interests; and
extracting profile data from the selected messages;
wherein, for each selected message, the selected message is selected and the extracted profile data is extracted before the user reads the selected message.
12. An apparatus for generating or extending a user interest profile, the method comprising:
means for monitoring electronic messages directed to the user;
means for selecting those electronic messages satisfying at least one predetermined condition indicating that they are likely to include information relevant to the user's interests; and
means for extracting profile data from the selected messages;
wherein, for each selected message, the means for selecting selects the selected message and the means for extracting extracts the extracted profile data before the user reads the selected message.